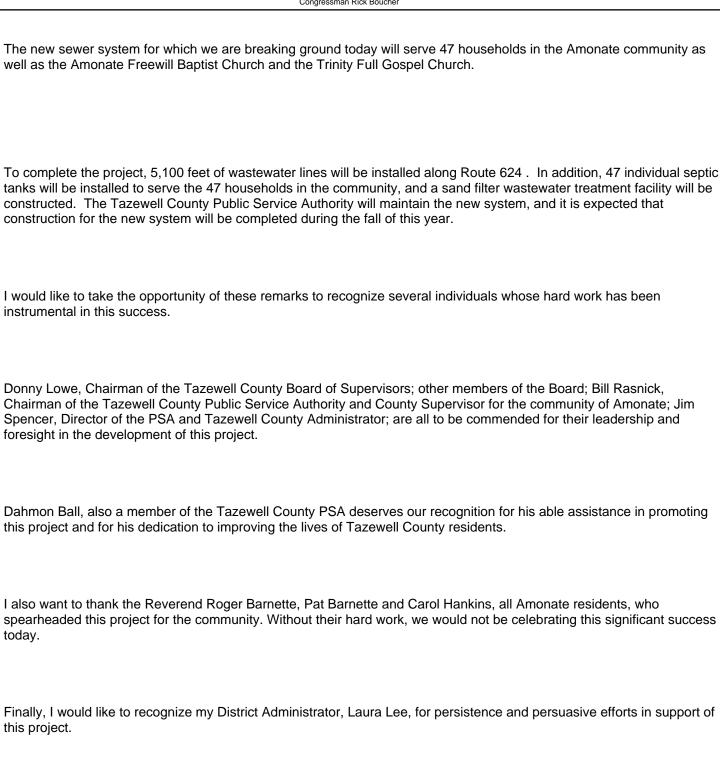
Amonate Wastewater Project Groundbreaking (January 28, 2005) Amonate, Virginia I am pleased to visit the community of Amonate today to participate with Tazewell County officials in the groundbreaking ceremony to construct a public wastewater system for the community's residents. The total cost of construction for the new water system is \$1,114,875. Of this total amount, nearly \$1 million is being provided through federal sources. At my request, a \$712,600 federal appropriation was approved by Congress and is being provided through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's State and Tribal Assistance Grant program. In addition, \$215,000 is being provided in the form of a federal Community Development Block Grant which is being administered through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Additional funding is being provided from Tazewell County in the amount of \$187,275 to construct the new wastewater system. One of my primary goals in representing Southwest Virginia is to work with our local governments to obtain federal funding for our region's water and wastewater facilities. The construction of this infrastructure is an essential step in our efforts to encourage economic development throughout our region and to improve the quality of life for Southwest Virginians. Amonate's current sewer system is inadequate. Wastewater from the community's homes flows without treatment into a branch of the Dry Fork River which flows through the community.

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unfiltered sewage.

This straight pipe discharge has significantly degraded the quality of the stream. Residents, their pets, and local wildlife have easy and open access to the contaminated stream which increases the potential for health problems related to the



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The Amonate wastewater project for which we are breaking ground today is an example of what can be achieved when citizens and government officials at the local, state and federal levels work together and cooperate in aid of a common purpose. For that cooperation and successful work in providing a new wastewater system for the residents of Amonate, I want to commend all here and offer a special congratulations to the Tazewell County residents who will be receiving the

new service.